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Symphony in Color submissions ready for pick up June 27

Thank you.

The Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra Association (ISOA) is asking that all Wabash County art students whose artwork was submitted for Symphony in Color state consideration pick up their artwork and awards from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, June 27 at the City Park Pavilion, 800 W. Hill St. Art teachers from Manchester Elementary School, Southwood Elementary School, Metro North Elementary School, Sharp Creek Elementary School, O.J. Neighbours Elementary School, Wabash Middle School, St. Bernard Elementary School and homeschooling are asked to attend, as well.

'Hope House **Under the Stars'** fundraiser planned for June 28

To raise proceeds for a Hope House, a fundraiser called "Hope House Under the Stars," will take place from 8 to 11 p.m. Sunday, June 28 at the 13-24 Drive-In Theater, 890 N. Indiana 13. The event is free to the community and anyone interested in learning more about Hope House is encouraged to attend. The "Lego Batman" movie will be showing and children are encouraged to dress as their favorite superhero. Gates open at 8 p.m. and the movie will begin at approximately 9:35 p.m. Raffle winners will be announced before the movie. A fund at the Community Foundation has been established to receive contributions. All free-will donations will be directed to the Hope House Fund and will be used to sponsor rooms, pay salaries, and provide meals and recovery-related programming for women living in the home. The Community Foundation of Wabash County will be processing donations and administering the Hope House Fund. All donations are tax-deductible. To donate, visit www.cfwabash. org or mail a check to the

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Zay to honor Charley Creek Inn's centennial during July's First Friday

The theme for next month's celebration is 'Red, White and Blue'

By ROB BURGESS Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

Organized by Wabash Marketplace, First Friday encourages the community to celebrate from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, July 3 in downtown Wabash, according to Andrea Zwiebel, executive director.

town will buzzing be activities. This free event features downtown shopping, food, live music and kids' activities," said

Zwiebel. The theme for July is "Red, White and Blue" to celebrate Independence Day.

"Back by popular demand," there is a free concert on

Miami Street featuring The Bulldogs at 7:30 p.m.

Charley Creek Inn to be honored

Sen. Andy Zay, R-Huntington, will present a proclamation for Charley Creek Inn's 100th Anniversary before the concert starts. Although centennial festivities have been delayed, this ceremony will take place at 7:25 p.m.,

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Sen. Andy Zay, R-Huntington, will present a proclamation for Charley Creek Inn's 100th Anniversary during July's First Friday.

The ongoing saga of Bridge No. 144



James Derck, of LaFontaine Gravel, center, addresses the Wabash County Board of Commissioners during their Monday, June 15

Residents, county clash over how to deal with crumbling infrastructure

Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

Wabash County Bridge No. 144 has been unusable due to flood damage for over two years, and a group of nearby residents has become more and more concerned they will be permanently

left with only one way in and out of their homes and businesses. Meanwhile, the county maintains they are doing the best with given the resources they have available and the total number of bridges that need re-

pair and replacement. History of the flooding

On March 5, 2018, The Wabash County Board of Commissioners on Monday declared a county emergency, which made Wabash County eligible for federal disaster relief assistance that may be needed to repair a flood-damaged bridge.

At the time, Wabash was now one of located over Grant Creek near LaFon- more damage. Walters said two roads 24 Indiana counties to declare emergencies following the heavy rain that caused flooding, peaking on Feb. 21,

The most significant damage here occurred when flooding washed away the east approach of Bridge No. 144



Water from Mississinewa Resevoir completely submerged Bridge No. 144 on Wabash

County Road 1050 South over Grant Creek in February 2018.

The bridge was still fully submerged two weeks after the flooding. The water level continued to rise because the water was being held back at the reservoir to control flooding downstream.

In 2015, Wabash was hit by a simion Wabash County Road 1050 South, lar flooding incident that caused even

collapsed and significant damage was done downtown.

In 2018, then-Wabash County High-Department Superintendent John Martin said it would cost nearly \$234,000 to replace the approach that

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Parkview Wabash provides update safety precautions

Hospital returning to a 'no visitor' policy

STAFF REPORT

Parkview Wabash Hospital team wants area residents to know that the hospital stands ready to assist patients with their healthcare a surgical procedure. needs, whether related to emergencies, chronic con- babies in the Family Birthing ditions, COVID-19 or other situations, according to Leslie Megison, media and com-

munity relations specialist.

hospitalized with COVID-19 in northeast Indiana is on the rise, out of an abundance of caution, the hospital is returning to a "no visitor" policy. Only a few exceptions visitor for the duration of the

patient's stay: ■ Patients who are having

■ Expectant moms having Center. (The visitor must remain at the hospital throughout the stay.)

■ Minor patients are limit-As the number of patients ed to one parent or guardian.

■ Patients who need special assistance are limited to cedures. one adult caregiver.

"Visitation for patients in limited exceptions. end-of-life situations will be evaluated by nursing staff on will be allowed one adult a case-by-case basis. Visitors with potential COVID-19 symptoms will not be allowed to accompany pa-

tients," said Megison. Like all other Parkview facilities, the hospital has put those with known or suspectin place multiple safety mea- ed COVID-19 separate from sures to protect the health others. of co-workers and patients alike in the wake of the novel

coronavirus:

■ Enhanced cleaning pro-

■ Visitor restrictions with

personal ■ Appropriate

protective equipment (PPE) for all patients and team members.

■ Patients being screened for COVID-19 before and upon arrival.

■ Precautions to keep

■ Staggered appointment

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Local positive COVID-19 cases now over 100

State still reports two local deaths; now reports 1,925 tests

STAFF REPORT

On Friday, the Indiana State Department of Health added two more local positive COVID-19 cases, bringing Wabash County's total to

The state still reports two local deaths, and now reports 1,925 tests.

Statewide the ISDH announced that 510 additional Hoosiers have been diagnosed with COVID-19 through testing at ISDH, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and private laboratories. That brings to 44,140 the total number of Indiana residents known to have the novel coronavirus following corrections to the previous

day's total. The intensive care unit and ventilator capacity remain steady. As of Friday, more

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Holcomb announces \$25M in relief for renters

Approximately 12K Indiana households could be helped

STAFF REPORT

On Wednesday, Gov. Eric J. Holcomb announced the Indiana COVID-19 Rental Assistance Program, which will use \$25 million in federal CARES Act funding to help Hoosiers struggling to pay rent due to the impact of COVID-19, according to Rachel Hoffmeyer, press secretary.

The program will provide up to \$500 in assistance for four months, totaling a maximum of \$2,000 in assistance to eligible renters to help cover past and ongoing rent payments or late fees. Rental assistance through

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States retreat as confirmed virus cases hit all-time high

By PAUL J. WEBER and MICHELLE R. SMITH Associated Press

AUSTIN. Texas — Texas and Florida reversed course and clamped down on bars again Friday in the nation's biggest retreat yet as the number of confirmed coronavirus infections per day in the U.S. surged to an all-time high of 40,000.

Texas Gov. Greg Abbott ordered all bars closed, while Florida banned alcohol at such establishments. The two states joined the small but growing list of those that are either backtracking or putting any further reopenings of their economies on hold because of a comeback by the virus, mostly in the South and West.

Health experts have said a disturbingly large number of cases are being seen among young people who are going out again, often without wearing masks or observing other social-distancing rules.

Abbott had pursued up to now one of the most aggressive reopening schedules of any governor. The Republican not only resisted calls to order the wearing of masks but also refused until last week to let local governments take such measures.

Texas reported more than 17,000 new cases in the past three days, with a record high of nearly 6,000 on Thursday. In Florida, under GOP Gov. Ron DeSantis, the agency that regulates bars acted after the daily number of new cases neared 9,000, almost doubling the record set just two days earlier.

Colleen Corbett, a 30-yearold bartender at two places in Tampa, said that she was disappointed and worried about being unemployed again but that the restrictions are the right move. Most customers, she said, were not wearing masks. "It was like they forgot there was a pandemic or

just stopped caring," she said. A number of the hardest-hit about 125,000 deaths and

Arkansas, have Republican governors who have resisted mask-wearing requirements and have largely echoed President Donald Trump's desire to reopen the economy quickly amid warnings the virus could come storming back.

The White House coronavirus task force, led by Vice President Pence, held its first briefing in nearly two months, and Pence gave assurances that the U.S. is "in a much better place" than it was two months ago.

He said the country has more medical supplies on hand, a smaller share of patients are being hospitalized, and deaths are much lower than they were in the spring.

The count of new confirmed infections, provided by Johns Hopkins University, eclipsed the previous high of 36,400, set on April 24, during one of the deadliest stretches. Newly reported cases per day have risen on average about 60 percent over the past two weeks, according to an Associated Press analysis.

While the rise partly reflects expanded testing, experts say there is ample evidence the scourge is making a comeback, including rising deaths and hospitalizations in parts of the country and higher percentages of tests coming back positive for the virus.

At the task force briefing, Dr. Anthony Fauci, the nation's top infectious-disease expert, urged people to mind their responsibility to others: "A risk for you is not just isolated to you."

Deaths from the coronavirus in the U.S. are running at about 600 per day, down from a peak of around 2,200 in mid-April. Some experts have expressed doubt that deaths will return to that level, because of advances in treatment and prevention and because younger adults are more likely than older ones to survive.

The virus is blamed for

states, including Arizona and 2.4 million confirmed infections nationwide, by Johns Hopkins' count. But health officials believe the true number of infections is about 10 times higher. Worldwide, the virus has claimed close to a half-million lives, according to Johns Hopkins.

Louisiana reported its second one-day spike of more than 1,300 cases his week. The increasing numbers led Democratic Gov. John Bel Edwards this week to suspend further easing of restrictions. Republican Gov. Doug Ducey did the same in Arizona, which has been seeing more than 3,000 cases a day. And Nevada's governor ordered the wearing of face masks in Las Vegas casinos and other public places.

In addition to closing bars again, Abbott scaled back restaurant capacity in Texas, shut down rafting operations and said any outdoor gatherings of more than 100 people will need approval from the local government.

DeSantis has been lifting restrictions more slowly than a task force recommended, but has allowed theme parks to reopen, encouraged professional sports to come to Florida and pushed for the GOP convention to be held in the Sunshine State.

In a reversal of fortune, New York said it is offering equipment and other help to Arizona, Texas and Florida, noting that other states came to New York's aid when it was in the throes of the deadliest outbreak in the nation this spring.

Elsewhere around the world, China moved closer to containing a fresh outbreak in Beijing. Another record daily increase in India pushed the caseload in the world's second most populous nation toward half a million. And other countries with big populations like Indonesia, Pakistan and Mexico grappled with large numbers of infections and strained health care systems.

5-Day Weather Summary



82 / 70

. 6:19 a.m.





Monday





Scattered T-storms Scattered T-storms Scattered T-storms Scattered T-storms Isolated T-storms 82 / 68 83 / 70 84 / 72

Detailed Local Outlook

Today we will see cloudy skies with a 70% chance of showers and thunderstorms, high temperature of 81°, humidity of 73%, Southwest wind 8 to 13 mph. Expect mostly cloudy skies tonight with a 70% chance of showers, overnight low of 67°. Southwest wind 1 to

Reader vexed by man's accolades

other things, he "bought" something

Sense &

Sensitivity

Saturday

81 / 67

First

Sun and Moon

Today's sunset 9:23 p.m.

from me never Harriette paid for it. Cole I followed up multiple times, and he just blew me off, saying he was broke and he would pay me when he could. Now

I see his

face glowing with his accolades, and it turns my stomach.

Should I reach out to him and say something? Should I ask him for my money? I wonder what is the right thing to do, all things considered. I don't mean to be petty, but he is hardly an upstanding citizen in my book. On the other hand, it's not like he is running for president. His accolades don't really make a difference in my life. I just hate that he's being lauded as this perfect person when I know he is not. - Liar

DEAR LIAR: Evaluate your knowledge about this man and the award he is receiving. Are the transgressions you know about him worth exposing him at this time? This is important in gaining perspective. For example, when someone has committed a heinous crime like sexual assault or money laundering and is running for president of the United States or even president of a company, it would be wise to say something - even though often the one speaking up gets maligned rather than the one being accused. Your moral compass has to guide your steps on this.

In your case, if this man did commit a crime by not paying for goods received, but you think it was a small transgression, you may choose to forgive him. Even with forgiveness, the time may come when you communicate with him and let him know

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20-37-43-45-50, Cash Ball:

Cash 5

07-12-15-26-38

Daily Three-Midday

Daily Three-Evening

Daily Four-Midday

Daily Four-Evening 5-4-7-4, SB: 6

Estimated jackpot: \$44 mil-

Estimated jackpot: \$42 mil-

FRIDAY'S METALS

AREA GRAIN

Estimated grain prices Fri-

day at Indianapolis-area

elevators: Corn: \$3.27. Soy-

. 1,766.50

6-9-9, SB: 5

2-8-1, SB: 6

7-3-0-2, SB: 5

Mega Millions

Powerball

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ACLU sues Fort Wayne, sheriff to halt use of tear gas

FORT WAYNE (AP) police brutality sued the city of Fort Wayne and the Allen County sheriff on Friday to halt the use of tear gas, other chemical agents and projec- lawsuit against the city of tiles against them.

The American Civil Liberand projectiles for crowd control violates the First and Fourth Amendments.

the Allen County Sheriff's Department have fired tear gas, rubber bullets and pepper spray at protesters during demonstrations following the murder of George Floyd

The Associated Press on private businesses in which seeking comment for representatives of the city and the sheriff.

Indianapolis last week.

ties Union of Indiana filed marched to the Martin Luof the Sheriff's Department to serve them." The Fort Wayne Police De- have used force to prevent partment and members of peaceful protesters from Department released stategathering on the Courthouse ment May 30 on the previ-Green and in other public ous day's protests saying places in Fort Wayne, it it deployed smoke and tear

dispersed to get away from disperse and began hurling

protesting Friday left phone messages they sought shelter, the complaint said.

"Police must not respond to protesters speaking out The ACLU filed a similar against police brutality with yet more brutality. We will not let these violent attacks On May 29, protesters on our constitutional rights go unchecked," said Ken the federal lawsuit on behalf ther King Bridge, where po- Falk, legal director at the of individual protesters. It lice blocked protesters from ACLU of Indiana. "Excesseeks an injunction and dam- leaving the bridge in either sive use of force against ages. The lawsuit argues that direction, and then shot tear protesters chills free speech, the use of chemical agents gas canisters at them, the and widens the rift of dis-ACLU complaint says. Fort trust between communities Wayne police and members and the police that are sworn

> The Fort Wayne Police gas after a peaceful crowd On June 14, after protesters turned hostile, refused to

FFA makes convention virtual; no longer in Indianapolis

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — tures keynote speakers, con- on online programming. zation will hold its national slated to occur Oct. 28-31. convention in October virtually instead of meeting in more than 68,000 people, Indianapolis because of the mostly high school students, coronavirus outbreak, the to Indianapolis with an ecogroup announced Friday.

event virtual is due "to the ness Journal reported. many challenges created by the COVID-19 pandemic,"

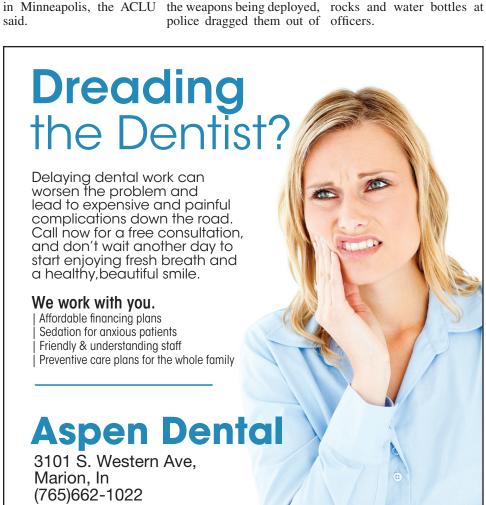
The convention that fea- son event and instead focus in 2020," he said.

The National FFA Organi- certs, and workshops was

the Indianapolis-based FFA of directors decided this week lenges, made hosting our

The decision to go virtual this year came after consult-Last year, the FFA brought ing school administrators and instructors, attendees and sponsors, Poeschl said.

"As we continued to plan nomic impact of \$38 mil- for our national convention, The decision to make the lion, the Indianapolis Busi- it became clear that travel restrictions and public health FFA CEO Mark Poeschl concerns, among many othsaid the organization's board er pandemic-related chalto halt planning for an in-per- in-person event impossible





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4-10 pm 6:30 pm

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*Parade Marshall - First Responders

Immediately following the parade:

2020 Popcorn Festival Parade winners announced

Crowning of the 2020 Popcorn

Festival Royalty

8:00 pm Steal Justice





Friday

4-10 pm 5:00 pm

Pet Parade

Popcorn Booth Open

6:00 pm **Alexander the Magician**

7:00 pm TRSS Drum Corp BackWater 8:00 pm

Saturday

7am-10 pm

Popcorn Booth Open

7-11 am Annual Fireman's Pancake & Sausage Breakfast

Kernel Klassic 5k Registration 7:30 am

Kernel Klassic 5K Run/Walk 8:30 am

9-11 am **Chalk Walk Registration**

Farmer's Market





Saturday continued...

Chalk Walk in progress 9am-3 pm

Kids Big Wheel Bace

Kids Pedal Tractor Pull Matthews Buick GMC

Baby Parade

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Fireworks set off at the Fire



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Jeanne W. Mills

Feb. 28, 1921 - June 24, 2020

Jeanne W. Mills, 99, of LaFontaine, passed away at 8:10 p.m. on Wednesday, June 24, 2020 at Wellbrooke of Wabash. She was born on February 28,

1921, in Cass County, Indiana, to the late George F. and Myrtle Ann (Callender) Hopkins.

Jeanne was a 1939 graduate of Twelve Mile High School. She married Robert W. Mills on June 29, 1941; he passed away on May 12, 2010. Jeanne was the Librarian at White's Institute from 1967 to 1985. She was a member of LaFontaine Christian Church.

Jeanne is survived by a son, Robert Steven (Joann) Mills of St. Louis, Missouri; two daughters, Cathy Jo Preston to of Wabash and Julie (Rick) Bruggeman of Warsaw; six grandchildren, Robb (Carmen) Mills, Ame (Jim) Dittman, William Matthew (Laura) Preston, David (Ka-

tie) Preston, Amanda Bruggeman and Bruggeman; great-grandeleven children. She is preceded in death by four brothers and five

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, June 30, 2020 at LaFontaine Christian Church, 202 Bruner Pike, LaFontaine, Indiana 46940, with Pastor Brad Wright officiating. Burial will follow at LaFontaine IOOF Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 3 to 6 p.m. on Monday, June 29, 2020 at McDonald Funeral Home, LaFontaine Chapel, 104 South Main Street, La-Fontaine, Indiana.

Preferred memorials are LaFontaine Christian Church, 202 Bruner Pike La-Fontaine, Indiana 46940.

Online condolences can be left for the family on our website at www.mcdonald funerals.com.

Billy Ray Collins

Funeral Services for Bil- Hiner gave the eulogy. Buriam, Friday, June 26, 2020, Graf officiated and Harley Randall.

ly Ray Collins, 87, of Wa- al was in Memorial Lawns bash, Indiana, were 10:30 Cemetery. Pallbearers were Willis Hiner, Harley Hiner, at Grandstaff-Hentgen Fu- Memphis Hiner, Nolan Hinneral Service, Wabash. Tom er, Logan Hiner, and Mike

1ST FRIDAY

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according to Howard Kaler, general manager of Charley Creek Inn.

er this year but was delayed due to the pandemic.

"During the 2020 legislative session, I presented Senate Concurrent Resolution 32, recognizing the Charley Creek Inn for 100 years of business in downtown Wabash," said Zay. "This establishment is a true treasure in the community, and I'm grateful for the many people who have ensured its success over the years. I'm honored to present this resolution to the Charley Creek Inn as a token of appreciation for its long, continued service to the community."

"The Georgian Revival gem" opened its doors May 6, 1920, as Hotel Indiana.

"After falling into disrepair throughout many lively decades, the gracious hotel obtained a new lease on life in 2007, when local philanthropist and historic preservation aficionado Richard E. Ford, of the Ford Meter Box family, bought the building and renovated it to perfection," said Kaler.

Other July First Friday events

Zwiebel said other planned The recognition was to take activities on Miami Street place at a First Friday earli- will include a local youth choir performing a tribute to law enforcement at 7 p.m. Crossroads Bank employees will be handing out free patriotic necklaces. Vendors will include Sizo and Peny Vintage, Paparazzi Jewelry, Color Street Nails, Brandt's Harley Davidson, author Sandy Black, Pet Wants food truck for dogs, Lashin' Out with Ashley, New Journey Community Church, Kona Ice food truck and Payne's Fish & Chips food truck.

"The brand new trolley will be offering free rides with stops at Dr. James Ford Home, White Rock Recreation, Eagles Theatre and The Depot," said Zwiebel.

more information, https://www.charley creekinn.com/charley -creek-inn-100th-anniversary or www.wabashmarketplace.

org or call 260-563-0975. Rob Burgess, Wabash Plain Dealer editor, may be reached by email at rburgess@wabashplaindealer.

HOSPITAL

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scheduling to limit the number of people in waiting areas. "Because masking is very effective in mitigating the spread of the virus, Parkview

Wabash Hospital requires all patients, co-workers and authorized visitors to wear masks at all times in the hospital. Masks must be put on before entering the building. A mask will be provided for anyone who arrives without one," said Megison.

LOCAL CASES

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than 36 percent of ICU beds and nearly 84 percent of ventilators are available.

A total of 2,403 Hoosiers are confirmed to have died from COVID-19, an increase of 9 over the previous day. Another 192 probable deaths have been reported based on clinical diagnoses in patients for whom no positive test is on record. Deaths are reported based on when data are received by ISDH and

occurred over multiple days. To date, 453,890 tests have been reported to ISDH, up able around the state.

from 444,252 on Thursday. The new tests reported include approximately 1,400 negative tests dating from May onward from a lab that recently began reporting negative results to ISDH's electronic system.

seeking Any Hoosier COVID-testing can obtain it through one of the state-sponsored OptumServe sites, regardless of whether they are at high risk or have symptoms. To find testing locations around the state, visit www.coronavirus.in.gov and click on the COVID-19 testing information link. More than 200 locations are avail-

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this program is available to residents in all Indiana come, including unemploycounties except Marion, ment, is less than the housewhere a local \$15 million hold income on March 6. CARES Act-funded program will provide aid to Marion County renters.

To be eligible, renters must

meet the following criteria: ■ Lost their job or part of their income due to

COVID-19.

al assistance from another source

12,000 "Approximately

be helped. Payments will be

Hoffmeyer.

Applications will be ac-■ Have not received rent- 9 a.m. Monday, July 13 at Guide," said Hoffmeyer. www.indianahousingnow.

Indiana households could have not done so already, renters should speak with made directly to the land- their property manager if lord, and the landlord must they are unable to make their ■ Current household in- agree to participate," said payments. Additional resources can be found in the state's Coronavirus Eviction cepted online beginning at & Foreclosure Prevention

> For more information, visit https://www.in.gov/ihcda

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Community Foundation located at 105 W. Second St., North Manchester, with Hope House in the memo line. For more information, visit www.hopehousemarion.org.

Grow Wabash County plans virtual conversation with Braun

Grow Wabash County has announced investors are invited to join a virtual question and answer session with Sen. Mike Braun, R-Indiana, at 3 p.m. Tuesday, June 30. Registration is required for this session is required either by visiting https://tinyurl.com/y92hktor or emailing chelsea@growwabashcounty.com by Monday, June 29.

Wabash County Museum open once again

The Wabash County Museum's new hours will be from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday to Friday and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, 36 E. Market St. The education center located on the second floor of the museum will remain closed with a targeted opening date in early

Drive In Summer Music Series concludes July 1

The Honeywell Center Summer Plaza Music Series continues Wednesday, July 1 at the 13-24 Drive In, 890 N. Indiana 13. The Mississinewa Valley Swing Band is a community band, located in Grant County. The Swing Band is a 16-member ensemble that plays swing-era music at different area events. The event is free and open to the public, on a first-come, first-serve basis. Gates will open at 4 p.m. The performance will run from 5 to 7 p.m. For more information, visit 1324Driveln.com/coming-soon/live.

North Manchester July 4 fireworks move to high school

Manchester University is collaborating with Manchester Community Schools and the town of North Manchester to present the 2020 Independence Day Celebration and Fireworks Display on Saturday, July 4. The rain date is Sunday, July 5. The free celebration kicks off at 9 p.m. with the Manchester Civic Band. Families and individuals are encouraged to come early to find a spot, maintaining social distancing with those not in their households, and have a great time. Lawn chairs or blankets will make viewing more comfortable. Parking is available at Manchester High School, Manchester Administrative Building and Manchester Recreation Association. The Rotary Club of North Manchester will sell food, water and soft drinks. The North Manchester Fire Department will light up the sky over the high school baseball field at 10 p.m. with fireworks. For the safety of guests, no alcohol, sparklers or personal fireworks are permitted. Those taking pictures or posting to social media can use #MUJuly4 to share their pictures. There will be no speakers or children's activities this year.

Wabash County 4-H Fair schedule announced

- Tuesday, July 7: 7:30 p.m. Public Fashion Revue at Legacy Hall in the Honeywell Center.
- Wednesday, July 8: 7 p.m. 10-year Member Recognition at the Honeywell Center. ■ Friday, July 10: 10 a.m. – Horse and
- Pony Show. ■ Sunday, July 12: 3:30 p.m. – Rabbit
- Show. ■ Monday, July 13: 10 a.m. - Beef
- Show; and 3 p.m. Poultry Show.
- Tuesday, July 14: 10 a.m. Sheep Show; and noon - Meat Goat, Goat, and Pygmy Goat shows, in that order.
- Wednesday, July 15: 1 p.m. Dairy
- Thursday, July 16: 10 a.m. Swine Show, beginning with showmanship.
- Saturday, July 18: 1 p.m. Champion pictures; and 2:30 p.m. – Senior sweatshirt, Achievement and Parade of Champions.

'Blue Rally' planned to support law enforcement

A "Blue Rally" as a show of support for those who work in law enforcement is being organized for 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 8 at the Wabash County Courthouse steps. Confirmed speakers include Barbara Pearson, Wabash County Republican Party chair; Sen. Andy Zay, R-Huntington: Terry Brewer, Wabash city councilman; Tim Morbitzer, Victory Christian Fellowship pastor; and Emery McClendon, a tea party organizer from Fort Wayne. For more information, visit https://tinyurl.com/y79ku58h.

Blood donation opportunity scheduled for July 8

The Red Cross has scheduled a blood donation opportunity from 1 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 8 at the Richvalley Community Center, 56 W. Mill St.

Wabash Art Guild workshop approaching

The Wabash Art Guild is set to host an acrylics-painting workshop featuring Terry Pulley. The deadline for entries is Monday, July 6. The workshop itself is set for Thursday, July 9 at Wabash Christian Church, 110 W. Hill St. Set-up starts at 8:30 a.m. The class will begin at 9 a.m. with a break to eat a bring-your-own sack-lunch. The workshop will continue until about 3 p.m. For more information, call 574-453-6772 or email theartgiraffe @yahoo.com.

Blood donation opportunity scheduled for July 14

The Red Cross has scheduled a blood donation opportunity from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, July 14 at the Wabash County 4-H Fairgrounds, 660 Gillen Ave.

North Manchester Center for History open once again

The North Manchester Center for History has reopened once again and has been selected by Indiana Humanities to host a Smithsonian-curated traveling exhibit called "Crossroads: Change in Rural America" as part of the Museum on Main Street program. The exhibition, which examines the evolving landscape of rural America, is on display through Friday, July 17 at 122 E. Main St., North Manchester. For more information, visit https://museumonmain street.org/content/crossroads or https:// northmanchestercenterforhistory.org.

North Manchester Rotary grills up chicken July 18

The third annual North Manchester Rotary Grilled Chicken BBQ is set to last from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, July 18, in the parking lot in front of New Market, 1204 E. Indiana 114, North Manchester. A meal is two pieces of chicken, chips and a drink for \$7. A small meal is one piece of chicken, chips and a drink for \$5. It is drive-thru pickup only. Volunteers will wear masks and gloves. All proceeds from the event go to local organizations and causes. For more information, visit https://portal.clubrunner.ca/4154/.

Blood donation opportunity scheduled for July 21

The Red Cross has scheduled a blood donation opportunity from noon to 6 p.m. Tuesday, July 21 at the First United Methodist Church, 110 N. Cass St.

Volunteer Work Day scheduled at Salamonie

Volunteers are invited to join in a "Volunteer Work Day" to be held from 4 to 7 p.m. Thursday, July 23 at the Salamonie Lake's Interpretive and Nature Center, 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews. Projects may include repairs made to the shelter, raptor center; weeding, invasive species work; and clean-up in areas of the center. Volunteers should be sure to wear appropriate shoes and clothing and bring refillable water bottles and bug spray. Those who are under 12 years old should have an adult present. To register or for more information, call 260-468-2127.

30th Annual Wabash Co. Festivals Scholarship Pageant to be held July 24 The pageant will be held Friday, July

24, in the Ford Theater at the Honeywell Center. Anyone wishing to donate toward the scholarships may do so by sending a check to Bev Vanderpool, 73 W. Sheridan St, Wabash, IN 46992. Checks should be marked "Scholarship Pageant." The Wabash County Festivals Pageant is a nonprofit, therefore all donations are tax-deductible. For more information. visit the Wabash County Festivals Pageant Facebook page at www.facebook. com/wabashcountyfestivalsscholarship pageant, or contact any of the directors.

Wabash Kiwanis Club Pancake Day rescheduled for July 25

After being rescheduled for a second time, the Wabash Kiwanis Club will once again host its annual Pancake Day for Saturday, July 25. After a year at the Wabash Presbyterian Church, Pancake Day will return to the newly renovated Bruce Ingraham building at the Wabash County Fairgrounds, located just off of Gillen Avenue in Wabash. Pancakes, with or without blueberries, will be available, along with sausages and refreshments. Tickets will be \$8 at the door and \$7 in advance for adults 13 and older and \$5 at the door and \$4 in advance for children ages 6 to 12. Admission for the event will be free for children 5 and younger. Sponsorship opportunities for businesses are available by emailing Kiwanian Donna Siders at donnasiders@hotmail.com or calling 260-571-1892. Sponsors would receive complimentary tickets to the event and on-site recognition in exchange for their support. The event's Pancake Eating Contest, sponsored by Midwest Eve Consultants, will take place that day at noon. The Club's president, Mike Keaffaber, is the event's chairperson for 2020. Those who have questions or ideas regarding the event may email Keaffaber at keaffaberm@ msdwc.k12.in.us.

Clark Gallery to feature 2020 themed art exhibit

The Clark Gallery in the Honeywell Center will host its 2020 Themed Art Competition titled "Dreams" through Sunday, Aug. 16. Accepted and featured entries can be picked up after the exhibit from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, Aug. 17. For more information, visit HoneywellCenter.org/dreams.

'Liking for Biking' riding series takes to the road for the fourth year Through Aug. 28, anyone who is inter-

ested in a "free, family-friendly" 60-minute bike ride is invited to meet at Paradise Spring Historical Park's upper pavilion at 8:45 a.m. each Saturday. Volunteers from the Spikes and Bikes Bike Club and the Rock City Bike Club have offered to lead the weekly rides in a "fun and engaging atmosphere." Those interested in participating or volunteering for the ride can get more information by going online to www.visitwabashcounty. com/adventure-series or by calling the Welcome Center at 260-563-7171.

Woman's Clubhouse hopes to pick up 2020-2021 schedule in August Out of an abundance of caution, the

Woman's Clubhouse will not meet for its final luncheon of the 2019-2020 season in June. The group will send the 2020-2021 program and luncheon schedule in August for the new year and they will vote on officers for the new calendar year in September. Anyone who would like to nominate someone for an office should call Ellen Stouffer at 260-571-5339. The group needs a volunteer to take over the membership organization.

Editor's note: If you have an upcoming event to submit, please send it by email to news@wabashplaindealer.com no later than five days before the event itself. Please use complete sentences, Associated Press style and Microsoft Word or PDF file formats.

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LETTERS GUIDELINES

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A letter should be less than two pages long, preferably of double-spaced typing.

In order to give everyone an opportunity to participate in this exchange of ideas, please try to limit your letters to one per month per household.

To submit a letter, please write the Wabash Plain Dealer at 99 W. Canal St., Wabash, IN

Letters also may be hand-delivered to the newspaper office, 99 W. Canal St. The office is open 9-11:30 a.m. and 1-4 p.m. Monday through Friday. If you should deliver a letter during non-business hours, a drop slot is located to the left of the front door. Letters may be faxed to 260-563-0816, or email them to news@ wabashplaindealer.com with "Letters to the Editor" in the subject line.



And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.

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Pretending not to see coronavirus cases won't make them go away

The U.S. stumbled badly at the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic when it came to testing. So few test kits were available, officials couldn't keep up with the infections emerging across their communities. And with no way of knowing where or how much the virus was spreading in their states, governors were forced to take drastic measures, most notably ordering people to stay home lest individuals with the disease overwhelm the healthcare system and die in numbers not seen since the 1918 flu pandemic.

The devastating consequences of those decisions will reverberate for years. And everyone agrees that we cannot afford to return to such a dark time. But as COVID-19 roars back in record numbers, that's starting to seem like a very real, and terrifying, possibility.

So it's bewildering that the federal government would even consider pulling funding and support for 13 federally financed COVID-19 testing sites in five states next week. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services said Wednesday that it was planning to do just that at the end of June. Have we already forgotten the initial testing debacle after just a few months?

The news broke about the testing sites even as a resurgence of coronavirus cases has raised alarms

across the Southern and Western United States. On Wednesday, the U.S. recorded the third-highest total of new COVID-19 cases since the pandemic began, and several states, including California, are seeing record levels of new infections. Things are particularly grim in Arizona (which hosted a rally for President Trump on Tuesday in which hundreds of unmasked people sat side by side yelling support), Florida and Texas.

Seven of the testing sites scheduled to lose funding are in Texas, which is experiencing what Gov. Greg Abbott – no coronavirus alarmist - termed a "massive outbreak of COVID-19." Things have gotten so bad there, Abbott urged Texans to stay home. Two of those seven sites are in Houston, where so many people infected with COVID-19 have been hospitalized that the city has almost no intensive care beds available for others who desperately need care. They rest of the testing sites are in Colorado, Illinois, New Jersey and Pennsyl-

It should be obvious that now is not the time to hamper testing in any way, no matter what Trump thinks about it. At a campaign rally in Tusla, Okla., Saturday, Trump said that he had asked aides to slow down testing to keep cases low. Later his handlers explained it as a

joke, but Trump contradicted them, saying "I don't kid" – and later continued to voice his displeasure with testing, tweeting: "Cases up only because of our big number testing. Mortality rate way down!!!"

Well, no, cases don't go up just

because you confirm their existence with a test. Not looking for cases just makes it harder for public health officials to target resources. In fact, not testing people is a great way to ensure many more cases by leaving infectious but undiagnosed people out in their communities.

Trump is not wrong about the nation's mortality continuing to decline, but that's not dispositive. It can take several weeks for an infection to result in death, so a surge in confirmed cases this month could mean a surge in deaths next month.

Granted, the decision to pull funding for the testing sites doesn't seem to be the result of the president's recent complaints. Federal officials have been planning for a while to shift more of the cost of testing onto states and private parties. Nevertheless, it highlights how the Trump administration has continually failed to lead during the pandemic, leaving states largely on their own to protect their residents.

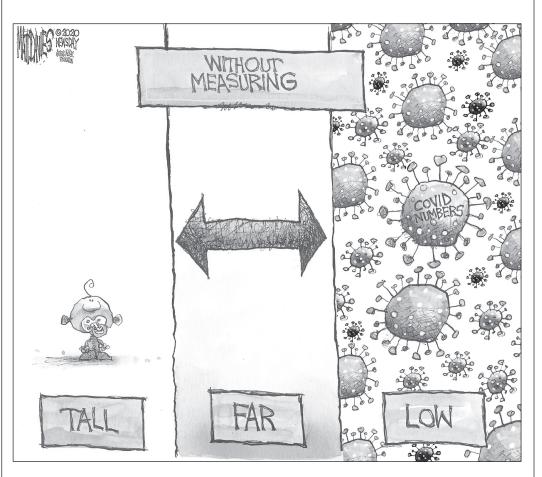
What the federal and state governments should be doing is investing more dollars – millions, if not

billions, more – into testing, tracing and isolation programs, while also putting into place a national pandemic strategy that moves away from trying to stamp out COVID-19 outbreaks after they flare up and instead seeks to prevent individual infections from blossoming into large-scale outbreaks in the first place. That way we might be able to get ahead of the virus until there's a vaccine and better treatments widely available.

Yes, it will be expensive, but continuing to lose the fight against COVID-19 costs orders of magnitude more in economic activity and in lives. More than 45 million Americans have lost their jobs during the pandemic and more than 120,000 Americans have died from COVID-19. And we know testing pays off. The countries that have contained their own coronavirus outbreaks, such as New Zealand, Iceland and South Korea, were aggressive and strategic on testing, tracing and isolating in a way in which the U.S. has not been.

Indeed, instead of pulling back on testing, the nation needs to double down on it. This is how we beat the "invisible enemy," of which the president speaks. Not by covering our eyes and pretending it isn't there.

This editorial was first published in the Los Angeles Times.



LETTERS

Trump ignored Obama's pandemic manual

President Donald Trump said "the cupboards were bare" of PPE and ventilators when he took office, but they were bare three years into his administration. When asked about this he blamed Russia-gate, Ukraine-gate and the impeachment, which is hogwash since there were adequate government resources available to address the need for medical supplies.

Ronald Klain, an Obama administration official who addressed potential pandemic outbreaks said Obama's administration provided the Trump administration with a 69-page pandemic manual called, "Playbook for Early Response to High-Consequence Emerging Infectious Disease Threats and Biological Incidents." This document was ignored by Trump's administration. Additionally, Trump abolished the office for pandemic preparedness in 2018 and cut by 75 percent a global pandemic monitoring system.

Obama's pandemic manual references the need for the federal government to procure PPE, detect the outbreak, acquire funding and invoke the Defense Production Act at the earliest indication of a pandemic in the world. It calls for the appointment of a single knowledgeable federal person to lead the response effort, which is not an unqualified president or vice president.

Trump said he could not have predicted the COVID-19 pandemic, but the Obama administration told Trump and his aides to prepare for a potential pandemic.

Donald Moskowitz Londonderry New Hampshire

Legal logic confounded labels at the Supreme Court

LT he limits of the drafters' imagination supply no reason to ignore the law's demands."

- Justice Neil Gorsuch on Monday, June 15 Monday, June 15 illustrated the imited usefulness of the political

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justices called liberals (Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Stephen Breyer, Elena Kagan and Sonia Sotomayor) joined two called conservatives (John Roberts Jr. and Neil Gorsuch) in this ruling: In the 1964 Civil Rights Act, Congress did some-

thing it was unaware of doing.

The majority opinion and two dissents featured conflicting conceptions of "textualism" in construing statutes. The decision affirmed this: A majoritarian institution, Congress, is not, by its action or inaction, decisive in determining the meaning of legislation, or the scope of rights.

In 1964, in the first of its two noblest acts (the other: the 1965 Voting Rights Act), Congress banned discrimination "because of" race, color, religion, national origin or sex. For 45 years Congress has intermittently rejected attempts to amend the 1964 act to ban discrimination because of "sexual orientation" and what is now termed "gender identity." Supporters of these attempts implicitly accepted

that such discrimination was not encompassed by the ban on discrimination because of sex.

On Monday, however, Gorsuch, writing for the majority, said that neither Congress' refusal for 45 years nor its state of mind 56 years ago are dispositive. He said that "only the written word is the law," and the meaning of a law's words should be determined without reference to the authors' intentions regarding possible future applications. Without, that is, considering whether those who wrote it anticipated future results of applying the law's principles to practices they did not consider:

"An employer who fires an individual for being homosexual or transgender fires that person for traits or actions" – e.g., a man dating a man, a woman marrying a woman – "it would not have questioned in members of a different sex. Sex plays a necessary and undisguisable role in the decision."

Regarding Monday's three cases (concerning gay and transgender employees), Gorsuch conceded that "homosexuality and transgender status are distinct concepts from sex," and that since 1964 applications of the ban on discrimination because of sex have "likely" been beyond what many in Congress expected. Gorsuch's point was: The text, meaning the word "sex," not the 1964 Congress's imagining of future applications of the ban down the decades, must be controlling in

Joined in dissent by Clarence Thomas, Samuel Alito Jr. dismissed Gorsuch's opinion as spurious textualism: "[W]hat it actually represents is ... the theory that courts should 'update' old statutes so that they better reflect the current values of society." The question about banning sexual discrimination is only "whether Congress did that in 1964" (Alito's italics).

Alito's alternate textualism holds that a statute's words mean what they meant to those who used them when writing the statute. Gorsuch's textualism says that Monday's majority was properly controlled by the meaning, then as now, of Congress's 1964 words. "The ordinary public meaning" (Gorsuch's phrasing) of those words, were, he grants, intended to ban only discrimination against women, not sexual orientation. But the words' meanings have not been changed by society's subsequent attitudinal changes. Rather, the unchanged meaning of the 1964 language entails the conclusion that the court's majority reached Monday about the nature of actions (e.g., employers firing gay, lesbian or transgender employees) that, although not on Congress' mind in 1964, are today necessarily recognized as actions taken "because of sex."

Brett Kavanaugh's separate dissent emphasized the separation of powers: "[T]his case boils down to one fundamental question: Who decides?" He said the majority has "expanded" the 1964 act, effectively amending it, which is the dual responsibility of Congress presenting statutory changes to the president.

Again, the majority's response is: Congress did decide, without knowing it, in 1964. What Kavanaugh calls expansion of the act is merely following the logic of the act's language, even though this has led to places those who wrote the language did not anticipate. The 1964 language has an unchanged internal logic, regardless of the words' contemporary salience that was unforeseen by the words' authors.

So, Monday's decision was logical, not paradoxical. Congress' 1964 language implied – intended, really – outcomes Congress did not contemplate. Now, about labels:

Is Gorsuch's reasoning unconservative because it affirms broader protection to rights than the 1964 congressional majorities understood to be latent in the logic of their language? Or are Gorsuch's conservative critics reasoning backward from a policy outcome of which they disapprove, thereby embracing the result-oriented jurisprudence they usually associate with judicial liberalism?

Monday, June 15 illustrated the limited usefulness of the political labels that often are carelessly bandied: The four Supreme Court justices called liberals (Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Stephen Breyer, Elena Kagan and Sonia Sotomayor) joined two called conservatives (John Roberts Jr. and Neil Gorsuch) in this ruling: In the 1964 Civil Rights Act, Congress did something it was unaware of doing.

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BRIDGE

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was washed away, leaving a gap between the bridge and

In a timeline provided by current Wabash County Highway Department Superintendent Cole Wyatt, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) then issued a disaster declaration May 4, 2018. After a series of phone calls were made, inspections were completed and preliminary plans were made, the project was advertised for bidding Dec. 28, 2019. The bids were opened Jan. 27, and all bids were rejected Feb. 11.

Citizen complaints mount

County Board of Commissioners meeting, James Derck, of LaFontaine Gravel, addressed the issue during the public comment portion of the meeting.

Commissioner Brian Haupert said the reason the bids were rejected was that the lowest one came in at twice as much as the original esti-

"We are trying to go another route," he said.

Linda Jervis, who lives right down the road from the bridge, also addressed the bridge outage.

"It's been two years and I don't know if you guys realize how many people it impacts," said Jervis. "There are 27 people on the road, some over 70 years old, one on ox-

Jervis said the bridge on the east end of the road, Bridge No. 143, was not in "that good a condition anyhow."

"So if anything happens to it, we're going to be trapped. So it kind of worries me," said Jervis. "So many people use that road from LaFontaine to Somerset and for that to be out for two years is kind of ridiculous..'

Derck said this Wabash County asset had been neglected.

"(I hear) more excuses than actual effort in trying to fix the problem," said Derck. "When this started you could jump across it. Now you're 20 or 30 foot and it just keeps continuing.'

Wyatt said replacing a bridge is not a two-year proj-

"There is so much we have to go through," said Wyatt. "That's not even within the

realm of possibility." Derck said multiple complaints had been filed before the flooding washed out the

approach. "That bridge is in dire need of help and has been overlooked," said Derck. "The

(Wabash) County Highway Department was aware of trees down before it happened. So that's where the neglect started. And it's been neglected ever since. ... Let's do something. Let's take the initiative."

Wyatt said the lowest bid for the approach alone, not counting the 60-year-old bridge, was \$700,000.

Haupert said the United States Army Corps of Engineers (UŠACE) built the bridge when the Mississinewa Reservoir was put in, and it eventually ended up on the county's bridge inventory.



At the March 9 Wabash ABOVE: This is how the washed out approach to the bridge appeared in March.

> Photos by Rob Burgess / Plain Dealer ABOVE RIGHT: Linda Jervis lives right down the road from the bridge. RIGHT: Cole Wyatt, Wabash County Highway superintendent, left, said there were a total of 60 bridges in the county that will need to be replaced or closed in the next 20 years.

Public safety concerns

On Wednesday, June 10, trees across the county were blown over on to vehicles. buildings, roadways, lines and more by high-speed

Joining concerned residents at the Monday, June 15 Wabash County Board of Commissioners meeting was Issac Willits, a fireman with the LaFountain-Liberty Volunteer Fire Department.

Willits said the day of the storms they were dispatched to attempt to locate a vehicle with a tree fallen on it with four occupants inside near the boat ramp at Hogsback.

Willits said dispatch could not pinpoint location through GPS. They then responded to the east side of the bridge.

"At this time, we solicited help from a front-end loader from LaFontaine Gravel and had to remove trees and debris," said Willits.

Willits said the vehicle and the occupants were located.

"A direct route was not available because the bridge was out," said Willits. "Response times are crucial when seconds count."

Willits said on this day the direct route and best practice to the next boat ramp in Somerset boat ramp would have been to head west on 1050 South across closed Bridge No. 144 and to 50 East and then north to 1000 South. Af-

ter a delayed search, patients were found a half-mile west of 50 East on 1000 South.

"Instead, (we) had to backtrack east on 1050 South to (Indiana) 15, (then) head north to 950 South and then track west to 50 East and head south to 1000 South," said Willits. "Precious time lost. This run took more than two hours. We were lucky this time, but imagine if a house on fire with a family in closed bridge would be the it, someone in critical condition from a motor vehicle accident or a hunter injured in this area."

Willits said he was pleading with them to restore this

'You are limiting the ability for first-responders to perform their duties promptly. You are making the whole western side of Liberty Township suffer for your budget," said Derck. "This is unacceptable. You have failed miserably. You are putting your budget in front of public safety. We're going to lose vital assets. You need to be held accountable for your shortcomings."

Wyatt said Wabash County does have a bridge inspection program that operates on a four-year cycle and is awarded to the most qualified consultant based on a scoring process mandated by the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT).

"The consultant inspects



all county bridges and they then provide a recommended course of action that the county follows within the constraints of our budget," he said.

After the meeting, Wyatt said he and the highway supervisor and drove three routes between LaFontaine and Somerset.

slowest of the three routes," said Wyatt.

Wyatt said all three routes were within 1 minute and 8 seconds of each other. Wyatt said the fastest route from La-Fontaine would to be to take project. Indiana 15 south to 950 South then north to 925 South then west to Indiana 13.

Wyatt said the second fastest route would be similar only utilizing 900 South.

he had 270 signatures to submit to the commissioners supporting fixing this bridge.

"This is not going away," is taken. It's been well over funding."

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two years. It gets worse and worse the longer you wait. You are responsible for this. You have flushed money down the toilet letting the bridge get to this point."

Wyatt said there were a total of 60 bridges in the county that will need to be replaced or closed in the next 20 years.

There were not two years "The route involving the of idle time being spent," said the bridge being closed, the county went into action."

Since the meeting in March, the county had decided to pursue Community Crossings grant funding for the

On April 6, there was an debris was removed from the site. Wyatt then met with that, Wyatt contacted Jared Mobley of the USACE and At the meeting, Derck said Jordan Epp, assistant property manager at Mississinewa Reservoir. Wyatt said Mobley advised that the USACE "had no interest in the bridge

Wyatt said the best solution they could come up with was to concentrate replacing the other bridge, Bridge No. 143, "which is not subject to flooding."

"That would be the best use of county resources," said Wyatt. "Instead of investing a huge sum of money on (Bridge No.) 144 and then you're left with two deficient resources."

Derck said he was not impressed with this solution.

"Maybe we should change our slogan to, 'Come to Wabash County: Land of Abandoned Bridges. Drive around the block it'll take longer,"

Eppley said the county was simply in the position of having more bridges to repair than they could afford.

Steve Downs, county attorney, said the county was doing the best they could with what they had available.

"You're acting as if these guys are idiots," said Downs. "It's pretty clear listening to them they've analyzed this problem. I understand there's a disagreement on whether or not you think we should spend \$700,000. I think you're talking past the point, you're just simply ignoring the fact that we've got \$700,000 of cost here. All of their comments are very valid and very pertinent. There's no question about any of that. It's just a question of spending money." Jervis said she was also on board with the current plan.

"My point is, how can you Wyatt. "Immediately upon put a price tag on someone's life?" said Jervis.

Wyatt said even if they were to spend the \$700,000 to repair the approach, in seven to 10 years they would have to rehabilitate the bridge once again as well.

"When we have two bridgand proceed west to 100 West onsite inspection, after which es in that proximity, the traffic counts don't justify using several years of bridge budget a contractor on site. After money to replace two bridges in that stretch," said Wyatt. "My best recommendation to them was let's give them one solid way in and out that isn't prone to flooding."

Rob Burgess, Wabash Plain Dealer editor, may be reached by email said Derck. "It is time action and would not participate in at rburgess@wabashplaindealer.

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New husband's moodiness may signal deeper trouble

DEAR ABBY: I have a question about my daughter's new husband, "Brad." I haven't interfered with their marriage and don't want to, but he seems very moody and barely speaks to me. Just when I think I've found a common topic, on the next visit four or five weeks

Abby

later. he Dear doesn't say a word.

During my last visit, he got very upset with my daughter because a piece chicken fell out of his



with you?" I have heard his tone before. Should I do anything? - Questioning In The

South **DEAR QUESTIONING:** If Brad has behaved this way before when you were visiting, is it possible that your visit was inconvenient for him? Could they be having marital problems?

I don't think it would qualify as interference to ask your daughter how often her husband gets upset over things as trivial as a piece of chicken spilling out of his wrap. Exploding over something so insignificant could be an indication that there is a larger problem that hasn't been dealt with. It also would not be interfering to let your daughter know that if this happens often, it isn't normal, and that you are – and always will be - there for her if she feels she needs it.

DEAR ABBY: A friend died in a state that has restrictions on gathering for funerals because of the pandemic. Only those in the household, the mortuary staff and a pastor or other religious officiant can be present at the funeral.

This was a good friend, Abby, someone I had known for 35 years. He and his wife, also a longtime friend, were in my wedding party. The sudden loss of this friend saddens me, and it grieves me that I cannot offer condolences in person or attend the funeral or support his widow in person. Other readers may also be facing this quandary. Do you have any suggestions? - Grieving On The East Coast

DEAR GRIEVING: Ask your friend's widow if the funeral home can stream the funeral service to friends and extended family who are unable to attend in person. Call her, extend your condolences, and ask if she needs your help or if she is planning to have a memorial you can attend once the quarantine is lifted.

While you're at it, ask if she would like a contribution in her late husband's name made to a particular organization. Do NOT send flowers without first asking because she may be inundated. And, of course, continue calling to check on her, lift her spirits and allow her to vent if she needs to, which may help her to feel less isolated and vulnerable.

DEAR ABBY: I have a question about privacy. No matter when I am in the restroom, my husband feels the need to come in and hang out. Every single day. I have mentioned over and over that I would prefer some privacy, but he won't listen. I mean, come on, is nothing sacred? What gives? - Exposed In New Jer-

DEAR EXPOSED: You have my sympathy. Your husband either doesn't respect your need for privacy or has an insatiable desire for a captive audience. The solution to your problem may be as simple as a sturdy lock on your bathroom door.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

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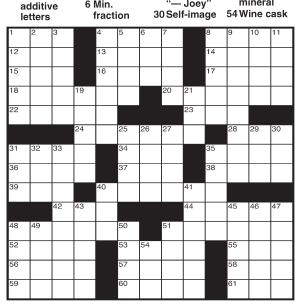
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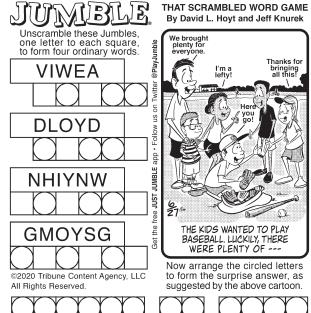
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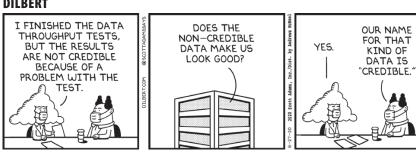
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Making Christ center of life is key to balance

From the writings of the Rev. Billy Graham

Q: I became a Christian a few years ago but my problems haven't gone away and I am struggling to know God's will

and not do things my way. My wife tells me that I am still

My Answer too attached to my work and am not giving my all to living for Christ. How

Billy

Graham

does a person learn this and does a Christian just turn his back on his livelihood to serve God? -

O.P. A: Often taking care of business can overshadow the most important things in life and that is our relationship with God. Making Christ the center of life is the key to balance. He lifts us up and helps us bring or-

der to our lives. Becoming a new believer in Christ is a wonderful

end of problems. It is the beginning of our facing up to them. Being a Christian involves a lifetime of hard work, dedicated study in God's Word, and making difficult decisions. But the Lord is there to help us every step of the way; giving us direction, discernment, and wisdom along life's pathway.

It is not wrong to want to work and earn a decent living; in fact, God has given work to us. But this legitimate desire can very easily cross the line into greed -

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beginning, but it isn't the especially when our materialistic society pulls us that direction. We all must guard against this. Above all, we need to make sure our lives are centered in Christ.

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The workplace provides many opportunities to exemplify Christ in our lives. All around us are people who need Christ. We must ask the Lord to guide our steps as we do our work, knowing that others are watching. "Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed" (2 Timothy 2:15).

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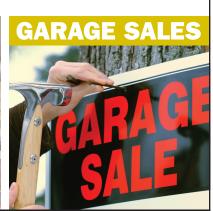
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The grant process is underway and applications are being accepted

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programs eligibility for funding will be judged in-The deadline for applying clude: promoting justice for for 2020 grants from the those living in poverty and oppression; empowering persons to contribute to a to Paul Siegfried, communi- more just and peaceful socications coordinator for Our ety; protecting and sustain-Lady of Victory Missionary ing the environment, God's creation; and contributing "From their founding in to the well-being of fami-1922 by Father John Jo- lies," said Siegfried. "The seph Sigstein, Our Lady of Foundation is not intended to fund such things as scholhave been dedicated to liv- arships, building projects, ing the mission of Jesus. medical programs, existing well-funded organizations, foreign organizations and direct service programs."

Grant applications are available for download at www.olvm.org/jjsfound Joseph Sigstein Foundation ation. For more informawas created to offer grants tion, email jisfoundation@ olvm.org or mail John Joseph Sigstein Foundation, mission," said Siegfried. 1900 W. Park Drive, Hun-

COVID-19-RELATED COMMUNITY RESOURCES

STAFF REPORT

SCAN receives additional assistance to help families

Stop Child Abuse and Neglect (SCAN) has received additional funds from the Department of Child Services (DCS) to assist families with their basic needs in 16 northern Indiana counties, including Wabash County. SCAN and its Community Partners Local Prevention Dollars Program have announced the launch of the COVID-19 Emergency Support Fund. Nonprofits funding basic needs are invited to apply for SCAN's COVID-19 Response RFP at https://www.scaninc.org/ ncp/rfp/covid19. Parents and caregivers in need of additional support are encouraged to call SCAN at 800-752-7116 or submit a request at https://www. scaninc.org/ncp/referral.

Community **Foundation** establishes COVID-19 assistance program

business closures and layoffs, and have no other significant source of income; and are still working and need to provide for childcare (ages 0 to 12) due to school and daycare closures, and have no other significant source of income. Wabash County citizens who meet the above criteria can request applications for assistance by contacting the Community Foundation COVID-19 Assistance Program Partners who serve as applicant sponsors including REACH, WAMA or their respective township trustee. To assist, visit www.cfwabash. org or mail a check to 105 W. Second St., Suite 100, North Manchester, IN 46962, with the COVID-19 Assistance Program in the memo line. For more information. email patty@cfwabash.org or service is free to adults age melissa@cfwabash.org call 260-982-4824. If you are unsure of your township, visit www.stats.indiana.edu/map tools/townships.asp to view the map of Wabash County. For more information on the Township Trustees, visit pharmacy and pre-sched-

ernment website at http:// wabashcounty.in.gov/cgi.exe. **Living Well in**

Wabash County offers food, transportation, support

The Friendly Caller Program may be reached by calling 260-563-4475 to request a daily call to check Transit by donation. Ridmore than usual. Living Well in Wabash County will now pick up and deliver prepaid groceries and essentials within Wabash County. For more information or to request special delivery call 260-563-7536. The service is based upon availability. This temporary delivery 60 and older; normal oneway transit fees apply for 59 and under. Until further notice, the county-wide transit system for all ages is operating for essential travel only which is work, food, the County Departments tab uled medical within Wabash .org.

wages related to COVID-19 on the Wabash County Gov- County. The hours of operation for the system are from 5:45 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. Those wanting to schedule a ride or delivery should call dispatch from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday by calling toll-free at 888-498-4400. The deadline to schedule next day transit rides is 4 p.m. Adults age 60 and older ride Wabash County in on you during this time ers age 59 and younger pay when seniors will be home \$2 per one way trip in Wabash and North Manchester with rides anywhere else in Wabash County at \$4 per one way trip. Low-income households can apply for the Share the Fare program.

Second Harvest Food Bank seeks volunteers, donations

Those who are interested in volunteering may contact Kellie Arrowood, volunteer coordinator for Second Harvest, by calling the office at 765-287-8698, emailing karrowood@curehunger.org or visiting www.CureHunger



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